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lost their way. When everything was allright, they had the medicine-pipe-dance. 115

Some time afterwards Bear-chief was the leader of ten in a party. Among them were two Gros-Ventres. When they got near the Sioux, three of them started for the lodges, Bear-chief being one of them. There was clear moon-light, and people were sitting in different places of the camp. His companions were afraid, and would not go into the camp to steal. Bear-chief went up to a lodge. There he saw the owner sitting among his horses, smoking his pipe. Bear-chief went to the door, where one black horse was tied to a stake. He led that horse away from the lodge. The owner did not seem to see him. So Bear-chief ran away with the horse, and came home allright. 115 726 [648]

Late in that summer they started again, Bear-chief as leader, and four others. He stole two horses from the Sioux camp, and his companions stole 14 head out from the hills. They got home allright.

About the middle of the following winter they started anew. There were five in a party, and Bear-chief was the leader. They had a hard time on that trip, for it was very cold. On their way home, crossing the Missouri river, Bear-chief broke through the ice, and went under, but his horse, struggling hard, pushed him up through the hole. Many-guns (Akáinamàχka) was near by, and threw a rope to Bear-chief, and pulled him out of the water. His horse was drowned. They got home with eight horses, stolen from the Sioux. They had taken many more, but they had to leave them on account of the big snow. 115 727 [502]

A few days after they got home, there were six in a party that started on a raid. They got to the Sioux, who had put their lodges in a circle, very close together. Inside the camp were the horses. He and one of his companions went to a place, where there were two lodges, and the Sioux had ropes between the lodges. Bear-chief and his companion cut the ropes. He himself stole two horses, and his companion one. Then they went out of the camp, and started home. 115 726

In the spring of 1881 he, as the leader of four others, pursued the Crees who had stolen horses from them. They overtook them on Milk river, but could not find their own horses. Instead of them they stole 27 head from the Crees. They got home allright with all the horses.

From 1880 till the spring of 1881 the Peigans had been on friendly terms with the Crows. In the spring of 1881 the Peigans left the Crows, and started home for their own country. They 115 726 648

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on his [the young man's] face. He [the old man] would give him his top-knots [tail-feathers] to carry them. Then they began to roll their things up. His rope, his whip, his moccasins, his buffalo-skin [to patch up his moccasins], those were the things, he would roll together. Then they began to hurry each other. They stood in front of one of the lodges. They took hold of the parfleches. They drummed on them, they rattled their sticks on them. The women sang with them. Then they [the young men] scattered in different directions. Then they went home to get their things. 539 726 539 726 714

Ki ómikskàukiau áisepiomatòiau. Támokèkaiau kokúyi. Apinákuyi támatomatòiau. Itsitótòiau niétaχtaii. A'utaiistsi ksísoχsikòniks. Nátsitapìiks támaisòminii. Káksikimanatsìau otátsimauaiks, opástamoauaiks. Aiísopamotototàiau. A'ipotàiau. A'katotàiau. Ki amóksi itâχkánaisoòiau. Otskétstanoàiau áitsòtsinimiau. Nátsitapìiks iχ'potómiχ'tsinii. A'itamakitsuyinipitsìau, maníststokimiχ'p. Istúisòiau. A'upitsòtsimiau otskétstanoài. Tamúpaiâksistotoχsiau. A'iksistapaiksistoχsoiau. Amó potáni itomátatòminu. Atsoáskuyi aitotóiau. Itokékaiau. Itáinokàinu, taká imíkóaie. A'iksistsìnokaiau, itákapimàiau. Mistsísts ánnistsinie iχ'tápimaiau. Matoyópaists iχ'tsípstsikaiâuaists. O'tskaistuyis, mátomatòniks. Itaníu omá itamóa: A'nsámik. Mátakomatàu, amáion his [the young man's] face. He [the old man] would give him his top-knots [tail-feathers] to carry them. Then they began to roll their things up. His rope, his whip, his moccasins, his buffalo-skin [to patch up his moccasins], those were the things, he would roll together. Then they began to hurry each other. They stood in front of one of the lodges. They took hold of the parfleches. They drummed on them, they rattled their sticks on them. The women sang with them. Then they [the young men] scattered in different directions. Then they went home to get their things. 539 726 539 726 714

And that way over there they started during the night. Then they camped in the night. In the morning then they started again. Then they came to a river. They began to float pieces of ice. Two of them then began to strip their clothes off. They just put on their fire-steels, [and] their rotten pieces of wood [to make fire with] as top-knots [that these might not be wet]. They went on ahead across the river to build a fire. They built a fire. They had built a big fire. And those others all went in [the water]. They had each of them a hold of their raft. Two of them were the leaders. They were nearly frozen in the water, because the water was so cold. It was winter, when they went on the raid. They pulled their raft ashore. Then 539 726 484 [502]